NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

Arthritis Quality of Life Programs **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 07-90-RAC **TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:**

Public Law 1999, Chapter 72

Cost-reimbursement Grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

Funds granted to agency will expand the infrastructure for New Jersey's Arthritis Quality of Life programs aimed at preventing arthritis, reducing complications and improving quality of life for persons with arthritis and their families. Funds will support innovative approaches to increase public awareness and access to National Arthritis Foundation Life Improvement Series and arthritis education programs for underserved populations and promote, complement, support, and integrate existing arthritis prevention and treatment efforts.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Funds available for this program are contingent upon appropriation of State funds to the Department. The Department of Health and Senior Services will award a one year award of approximately \$100,000 to the selected agency upon demonstration of satisfactory performance.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
- 2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
- 3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Non-profit health care organizations or hospitals.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Demonstrated knowledge and expertise related to arthritis and its management; Ability and capacity to implement activities related to the above stated objectives in counties outside Regional Arthritis Center service areas; Staff who possess national certification to train leaders of Arthritis Foundation Life Improvement Series programs; and, Existence of an established network of community agencies and/or partners which will participate in implementing the initiative and will enhance access to underserved populations.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Submit a letter of intent to the official designee listed below by July 27, 2006. An application package will be sent to eligible entities.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

Application Deadline: September 25, 2006

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

December 20, 2006 (approximate)